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# GYRO FORCE

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This first issue of **Gyro Comics** is the beginning of a science fiction adventure series that was inspired by my love for drawing flying machines, women, aliens and robots (not necessarily in that order).

The first book concentrates on the Gyro Force. It shows the humans' side of the story more prominently, and the reader can realize their motivations. The next book will be entitled **Gyrotropolis**, and will focus on the city's lowlife and the natives of the planet.

Future titles: **Gyronetics, Gyrobotics, Gyroism, Los Gyros, Gyros Subs . . .** Well, maybe not **Gyros Subs**. But anyhow . . . This series is designed in a format which was created by my father in 1970. It is called "Pictography." The panels are kept separate from the word balloons for a clean graphic look that could easily be transferred to storyboards for movies or a live performance on stage where one would read the voices and show the panels in sequence on a projector.

**Gyro** is like a roller coaster ride for me. I hope you'll enjoy reading it as much as I've enjoyed drawing it.



Da' Bode.2 at his wedding, 1983.

MARK BODE '87

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THESE LONG HOURS  
ARE TERRIBLE AND  
WHAT FOR? THEY MUST  
BE TRYIN' TO KILL US...

DUSTY, QUIT  
YOUR BITCHIN'  
WHERE'S YOUR  
STAMINA!?

STAMINA! THEY SHOULD  
JUST TAKE OFF OUR  
HEADS AND PUT THEM  
ON ROBODS!! IF  
THEY WANT STAMINA!

THEY WOULDN'T FIT  
IN A GYRO COCKPIT,  
AND BESIDES THERE'S  
TOO MANY OLDER PEOPLE  
DOIN' THAT NOW...



I CAN'T TAKE  
THIS T.K. I'M  
CONSIDERING  
DECLINING  
FROM ACEGYRO  
PILOT, TO BECOME  
MAYBE A TOXIC  
SPEWAGE  
SURVEYOR....  
MAYBE MY LIFE  
WOULD HAVE  
MORE MEANING

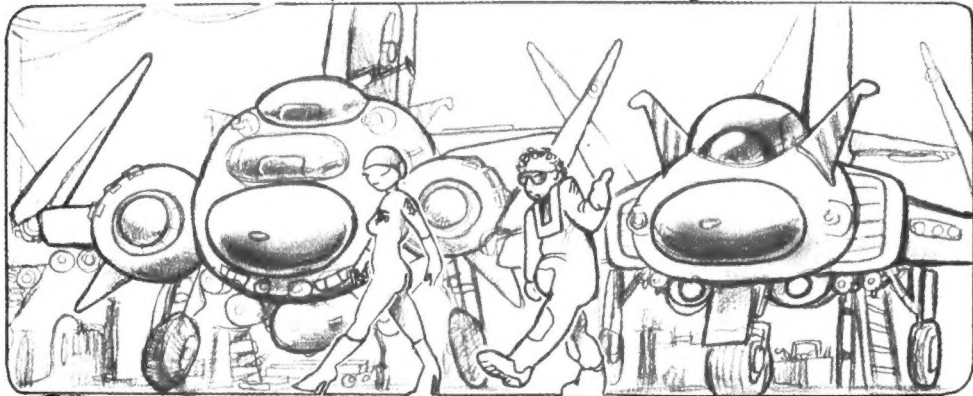


ACE PILOT IS A CHOICE JOB...NO  
ONE FORCED YOU INTO IT...

THE HIGHER UPS GOT  
YOU BRAIN WASHED  
TOO I'M AFRAID...

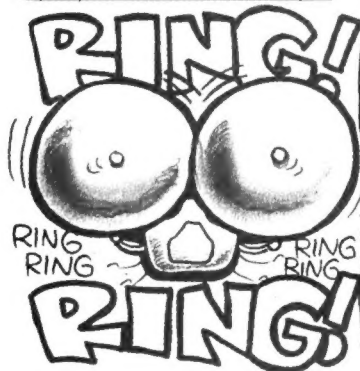
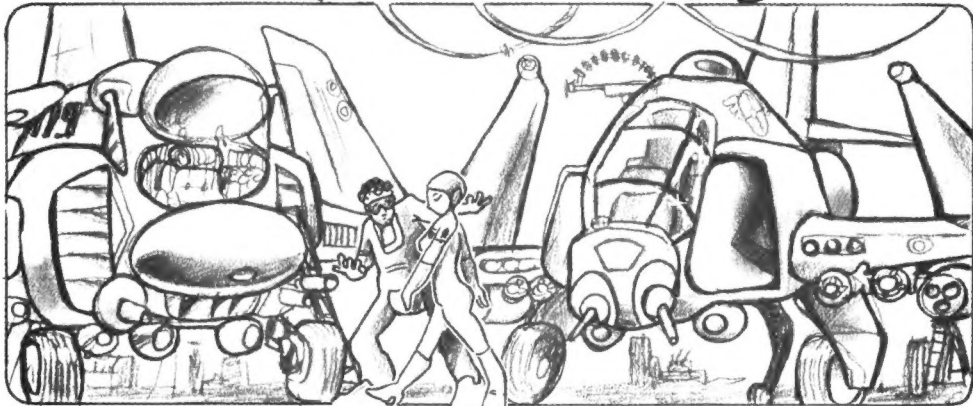
NON SENSE THERE IS PLENTY REASON TO BE ON OUR TOES. THE ALIENS COULD ATTACK AT ANY TIME AND WE HAVE TO BE READY TO DEFEND OUR PROPERTIES FROM THEM.

THOSE ALIENS HAVE BEEN CRUISING LIKE VULTURES UP THERE FOR MONTHS. I THINK THEY'RE AS CONFUSED AS WE ARE ABOUT WHAT'S GOIN' ON DOWN HERE!



AND WHY IS OUR PARANOID GOVERNMENT HAVING THE GYRO FORCE POLICE THE NATIVES? AREN'T THERE ENOUGH COPS AROUND?

WE HAVE TO DO WHAT WE HAVE TO DO TO KEEP SECURITY IN GYROTROPOLIS. THE NATIVES MUST REMAIN NAIVE TO OUR PLANS...



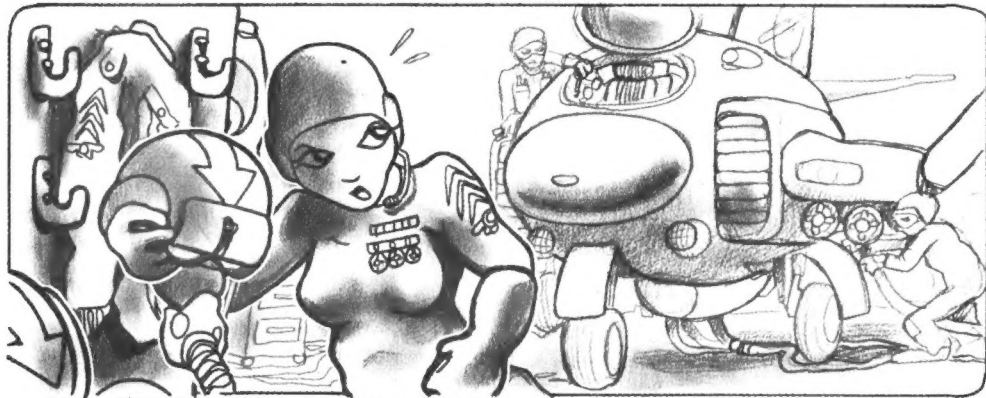
HUH! I DON'T RECALL A DRILL BEING SCHEDULED FOR TODAY..

THIRTY TWO HOURS NON-STOP DUTY. THEY WOULD DO THIS!



PUMP THOSE TURBO SUKS UP, BOYS! I WANT  
THREE HILDCRAFTS READY FOR  
ACTIVATION IMMEDIATELY!

**RING RING RING**  
**CHUGA CHUGA CHUGA CHUG**  
**GLUK GLUK GLUK GLUK**



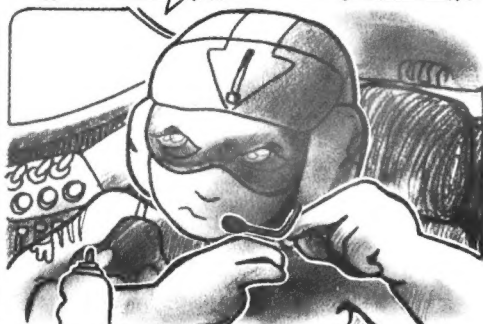
**DUSTY AND BENTLY ON  
DUTY, NOW**

**RING  
RING  
RING**

THIS IS GOVERNMENT CRUISER #5. REPORT IS  
3 ACTIVISTS HAVE JUST SHUT DOWN A GYRONETIC  
SEWAGE PIPE AND SABOTAGED TWO POWER  
PACKS... ORDER, TERMINATE LIFE FORMS... CRACK

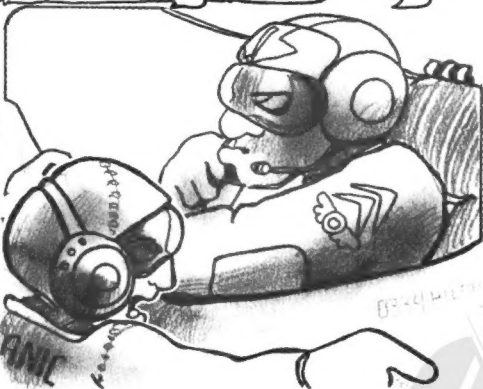
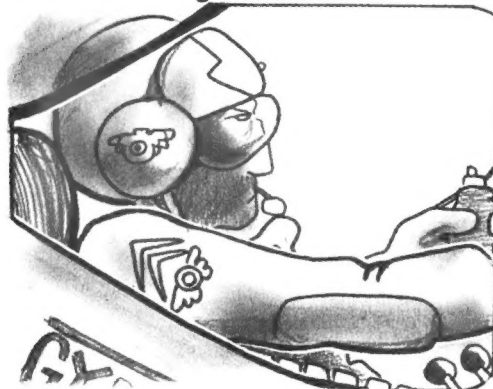


DAMNED OFFICIALS ALWAYS KEEPING  
OUR FACES TO THE GRIND STONE...ERRR...



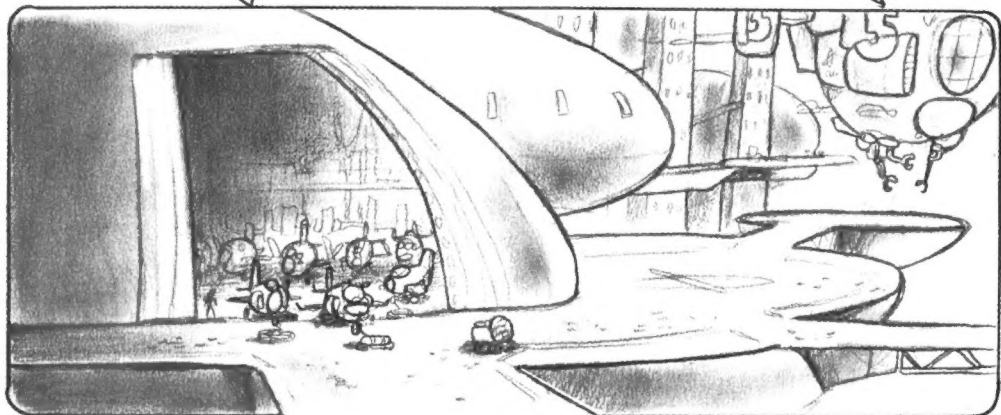
HEY BENTLY YA' GOT A  
FAULTY LEFT GYRO THAT GETS  
STUCK SO BE CAREFUL WILL YA'

YAH, YAH,  
YAH...



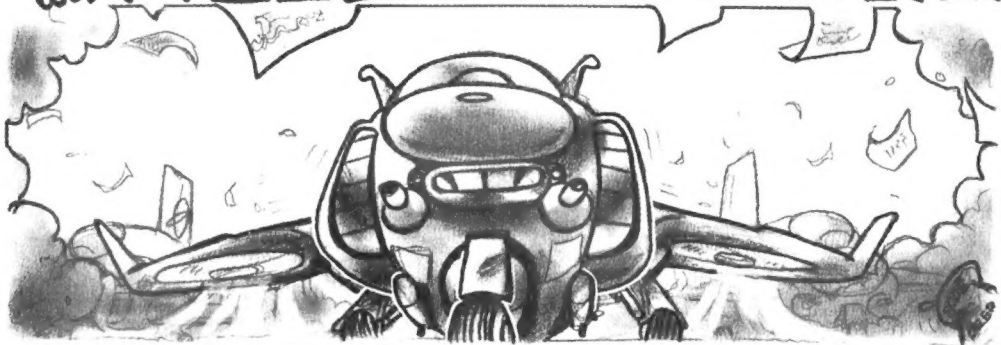
GYRO UNITS 101, 05, 63  
TAXIING FOR LIFT OFF...  
REQUEST COORDINANCE OF PURSUIT..

GYRO 101, THIS IS GOV. CRUISER NUMBER 5,  
WE'VE LOCATED THE OFFENDERS HEADED  
5 MILES SOUTH EAST ON GYROBON 95...



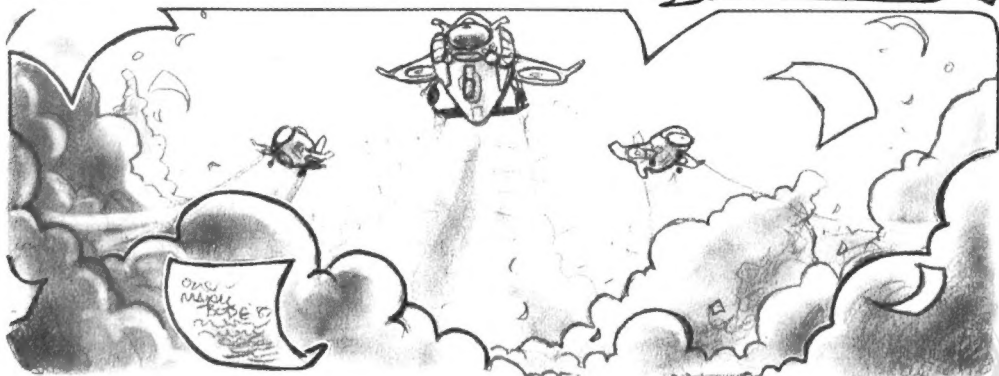
WUP  
WUP  
WUP

**WEERRRRRRRRRR**



**RRRRRROOOOOOOOOOOO**

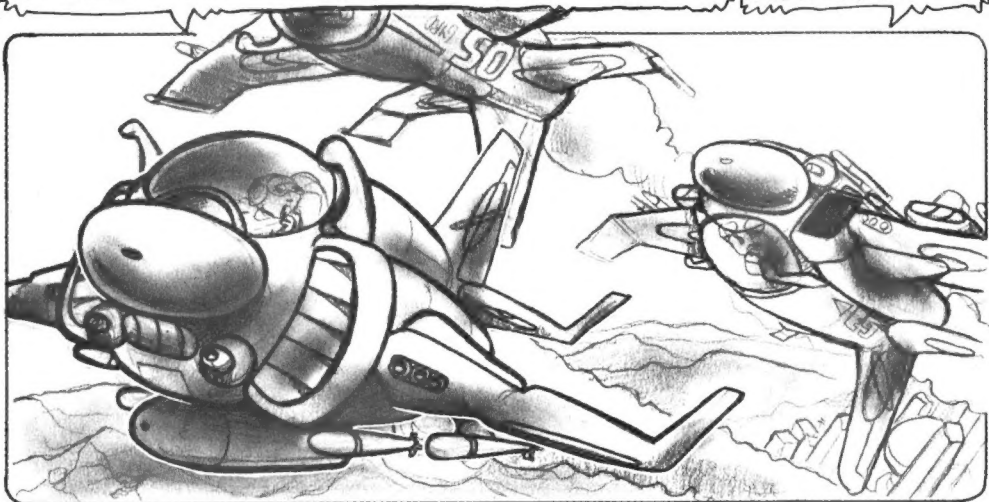
GYRO FORCE HAS LIFT OFF..



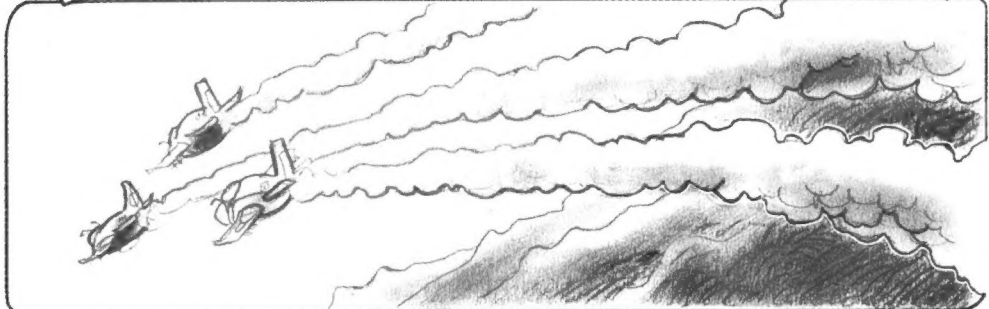
only  
major  
take  
over

THIS IS NOT, I REPEAT, THIS IS NOT A DRILL!  
NOW STOP THE AERIAL FOREPLAY AND LETS EXECUTE THIS MISSION!

AAAAUGH! WE NEVER  
HAVE ANY FUN! CLIC



EEEEEOOOOOOOOOOOSH!



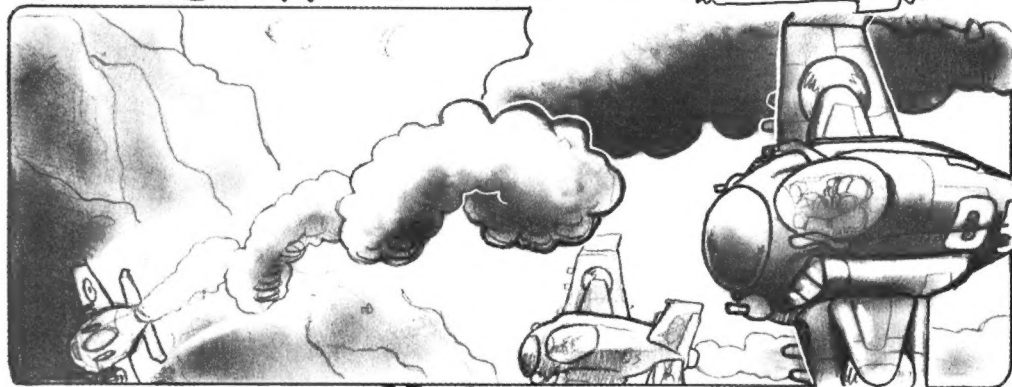
HANG AROUND, YOU GUYS MIGHT  
LEARN SOMETHING YET, BLOW FANS!  
LET ONE-O-ONE SHOW YA'HOW ITS DONE!

HEH, ANYTHING YOU SAY  
SEXY ROBOT. ALL EYES ON YOU!



WOOSH WOOSH WOOSH-

HEY! SHE CLIPPED MY WING!



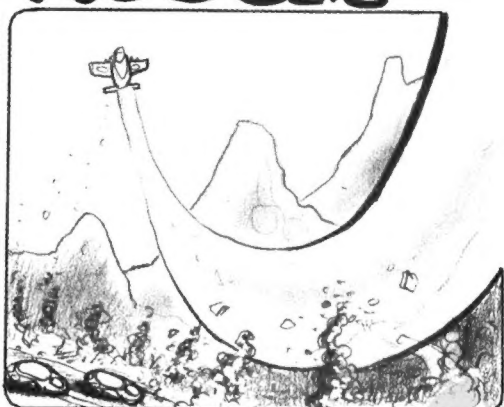
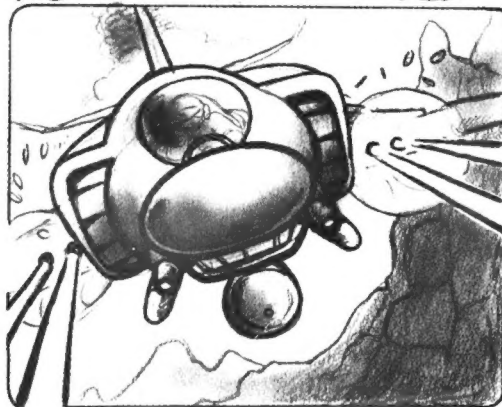
TARGET IN SIGHT  
HERE COMES MAMA!

KREEEEEEEEEE



FAVA-VA-VA-VA-VA-VA  
VA-VA-VA-VA-VA-VA-

WOOOM DAMN!



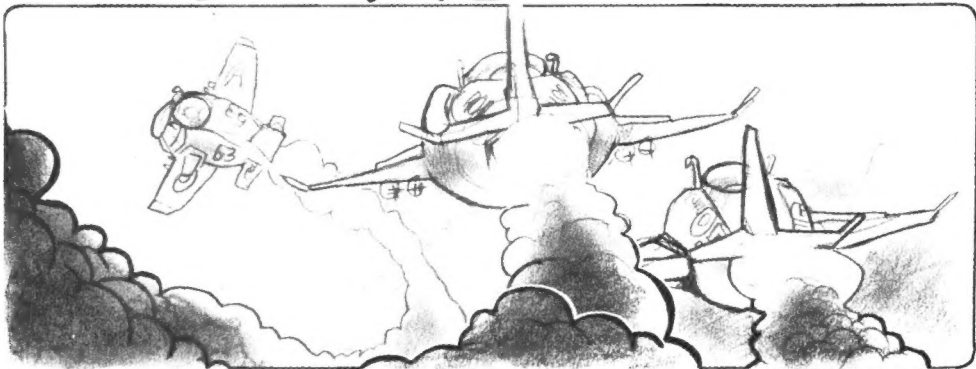
IS THAT HOW IT'S DONE ONE-O-ONE?  
WE'LL LET SIXTY THREE SHOW YOU  
HOW IT SHOULD BE, HONEY!

I HEAR THERE'S AN ALIEN IN THE  
SLOWER GROUND CRUISER. MAYBE  
YOU SHOULD CREAM THAT BUG  
BIG BOY!



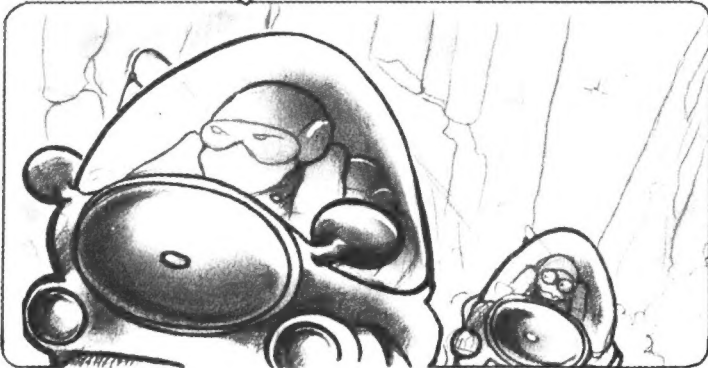
ROGER 101, THIS WILL BE  
LIKE SHOOTIN' HAYSTACKS!

WUMMMM-



YOU HAVE TO GO FASTER THAN 150 MPH. IF WE ARE  
TO SURVIVE, MY ALIEN FRIEND. IT'S NEARLY  
IMPOSSIBLE TO OUT RUN THE GYRO'S AT THIS SPEED!

IM SCARED, I ONLY  
READ ABOUT DESE MACHINES  
IN ALIEN MECHANIC MAGS!

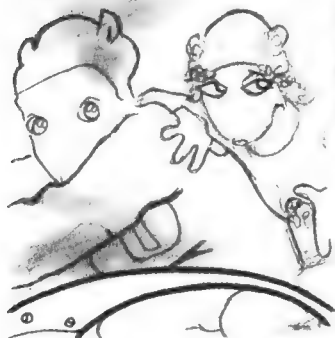


FYKA, WHAT  
ARE YOU DOING?

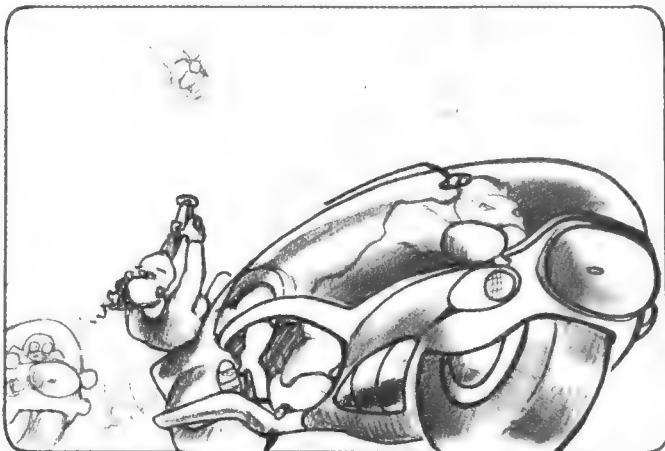
SOMEBODY HAS  
TO DEFEND US...  
OR WE ARE DEAD  
FERRETS...

I'VE TRIED NOT TO HURT  
THE HUMANS IN THE PAST  
BUT THERE COMES A TIME WHEN

**KICK!**



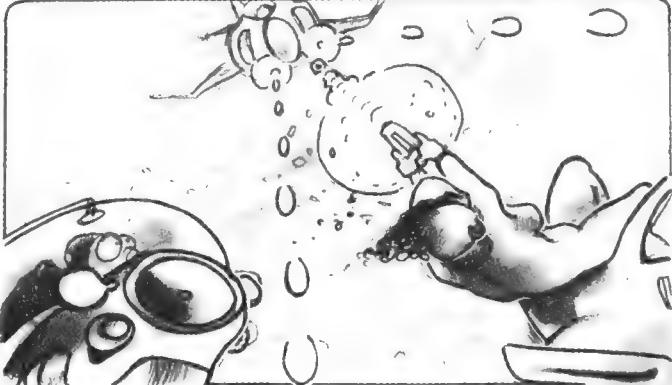
WE'RE GONNA  
KILL SOMETHIN'...



HELL! MY WINGS  
AREN'T RESPONDING!

**AAAAG!**

CHUNKA-CHUNKA  
CHUNKA-CHUNK **POOONT!**  
GZZZZZZ



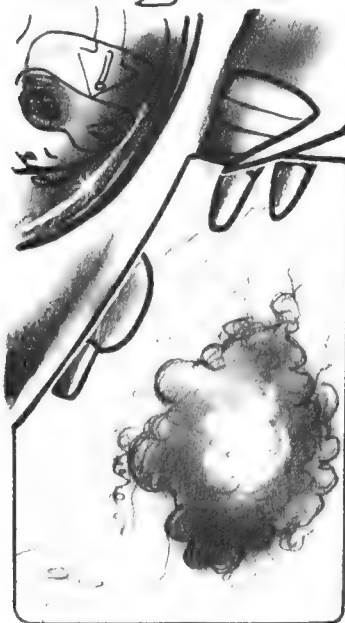
# WAAAAH! GORT!

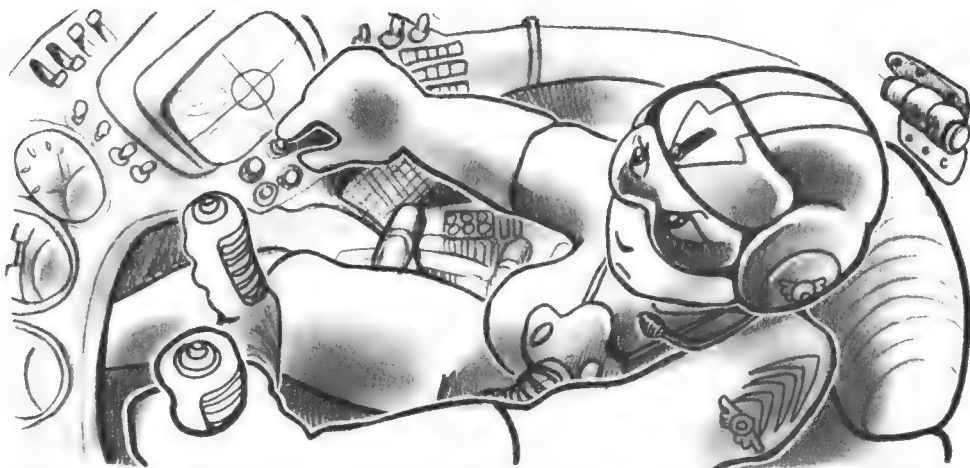


POOR BENTLY, NEVER  
QUITE DID GET THAT  
MANUEVER DOWN...

IT'S TOO HAIRY OUT  
THERE TINKERTON. WE  
HAVE TO DITCH OUR  
ALIEN FRIEND...

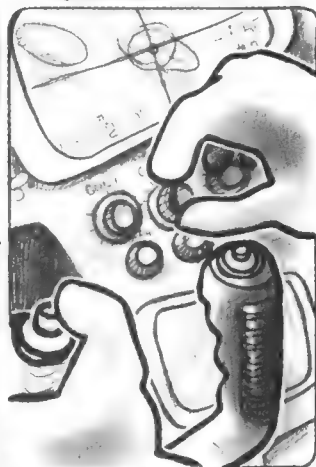
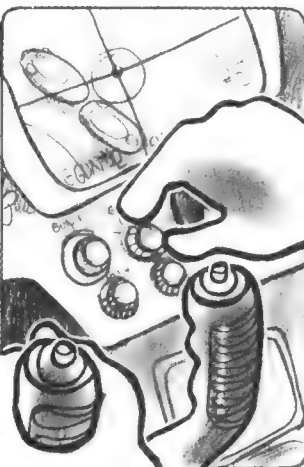
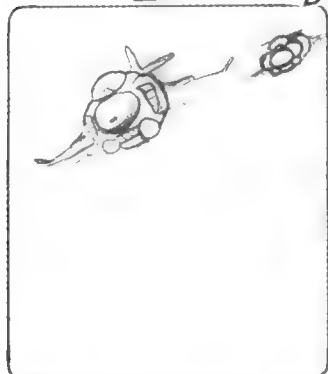
I'M SLOWIN' YOU GUYS UP!  
GO, GO, AHEAD! PLEASE!  
I HOPE I DIE SO I DON'T HAVE  
TO FACE THE GALACTIC UNION!





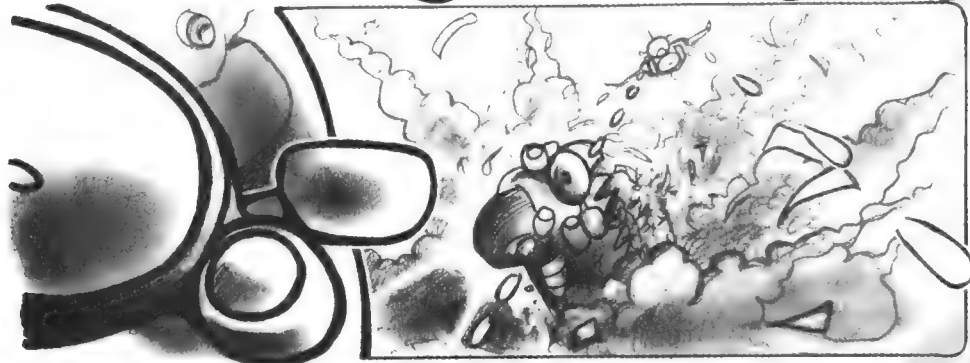
I'LL CLEAN UP, DUSTY...  
YOU COVER ME! T.K.  
NEVER MISSES TWICE

ROGER  
TK.



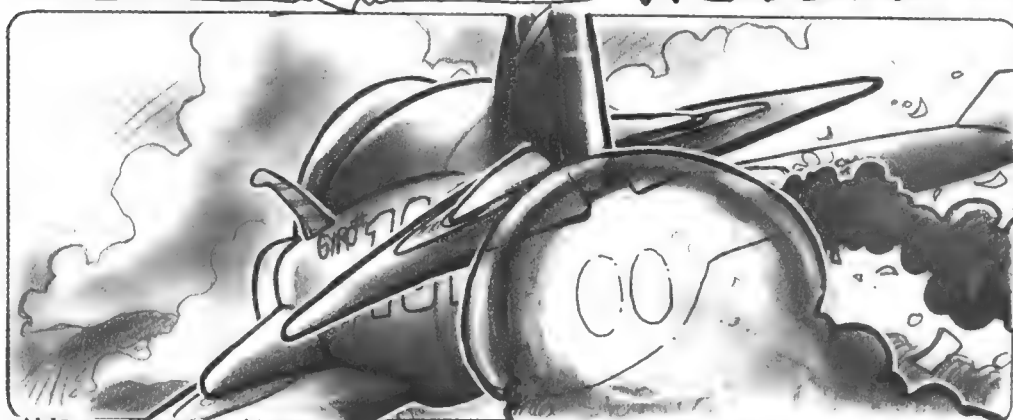
FAVA-VA-VA-VA-VA-VA-VA  
VA-VA-VA-VA-VA-VA

SCREEEECH! BOOM!



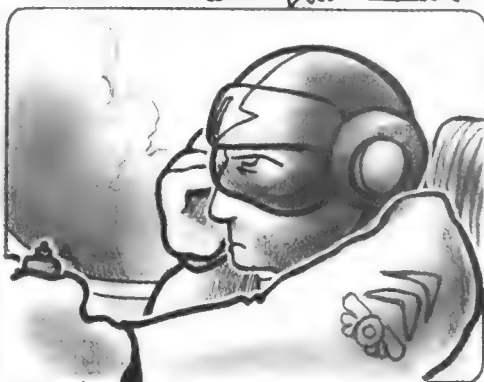
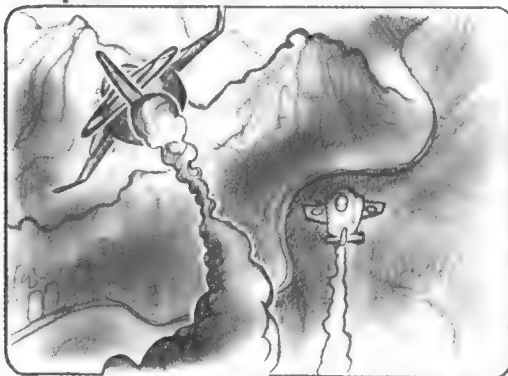
GOV. CRUISER #5 THIS IS T.K. 101 TERMINATION  
OF ALIEN COMPLETE..... DAMAGE TO RIGHT  
GYRO DUE TO DEBRIS FROM WRECK.. REQUEST  
TO RETURN TO BASE....

WERRRRRRR



101, THIS IS GOV. CRUISER #5. REQUEST,  
PERMITTED.. RETURN TO BASE. 05,  
ORDER PURSUIT OF RENEGADES..

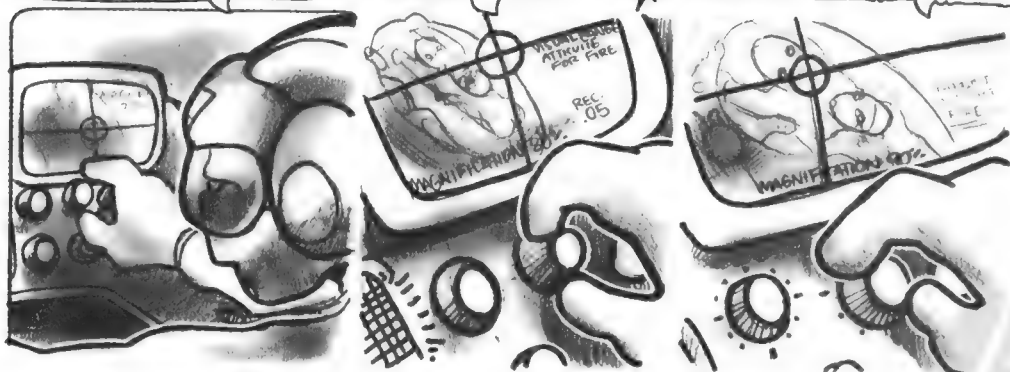
05. THIS IS GOV. CRUISER #5. DO THIS  
ONE RIGHT THIS TIME WILL YA? I  
ORDER TERMINATE LIFEFORMS..

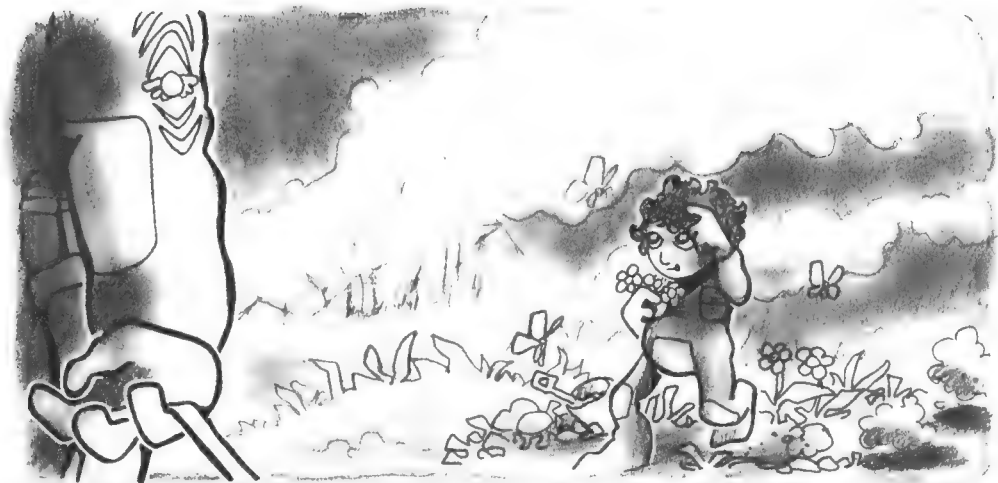


AHH, ROGER GOV #5... TARGET  
ON SCREEN GOING TO  
80% MAGNIFICATION...

THESE LOOK LIKE NATIVES, I, AHH,  
ORDER TO FIRE, 05!

AHH, ROGER GOV #5, BUT THESE ARE  
NATIVES OF THIS PLANET. I... I... CANT.





WE HAD TO DESTROY THE VILLAGE...THE ANIMALS NEED OUR GUIDANCE.

THEY CAN WORK FOR GYROTROPOLIS INSTEAD OF INTERFERING WITH IT...

AND THIS, TO BEGIN WITH! IS A VITAL ELEMENT IN THIS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM!



B-B-BUT I-I LIKE THE FLOWAS, DADA

SON, THEIR INTELLIGENCE WILL LESSEN OUR CHANCE TO BUILD THE SHIP WE NEED TO RETURN HOME TO OUR PLANET.

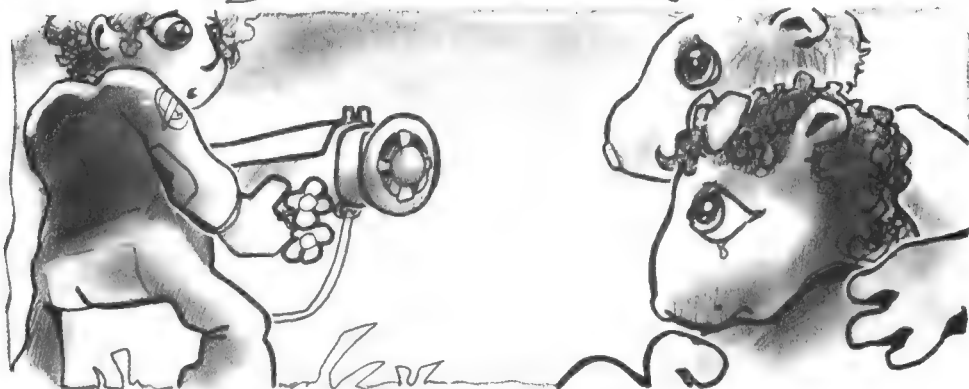


BUT DADA, I-I-I LIKE THE, THE-



SNIFF

SOB...



**KYNCH!**

-ANIMALS TOO, DADA..

SSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSS  
THUMPA THUMPA THUMPA

THUMPA THUMPA THUMPA



**SLAP!**

WAAAAAA □ GASP  
GASP

COWARD....



DEDICATED TO MIVAZAKI HAYAO

**HUMMMMM**

05: ANSWER 05...  
WHATS WRONG?

IM A.A.A COWARD....

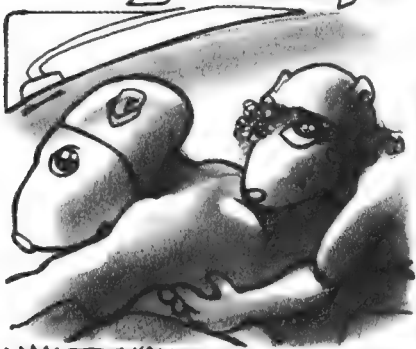


I WONDER WHY HE  
HASNT FIRED YET?

WE SHOULD'VE  
BEEN AN  
EASY TARGET.

**WAAAAAAH!**

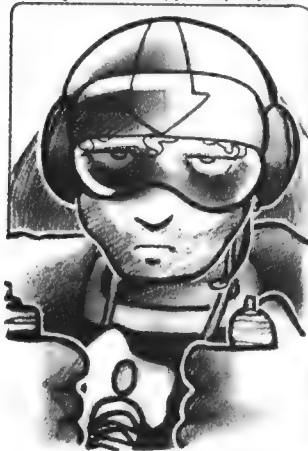
WE'LL BE HOME FREE  
WHEN WE REACH  
THE TUNNEL!



05! 05! WHATS  
WRONG? WHY DONT YOU  
FIRE? RESPOND!

**WAAUUM-  
WAAAAAH!**

**SSSSSSSSSS!**



HUH, WHAT? OH NO!  
A MOUNTAIN!



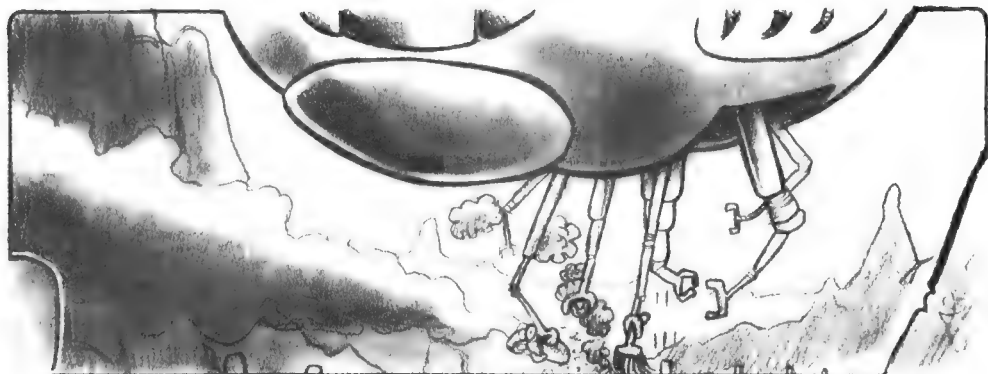
VERTICAL  
WING POSITION  
HOOOO!

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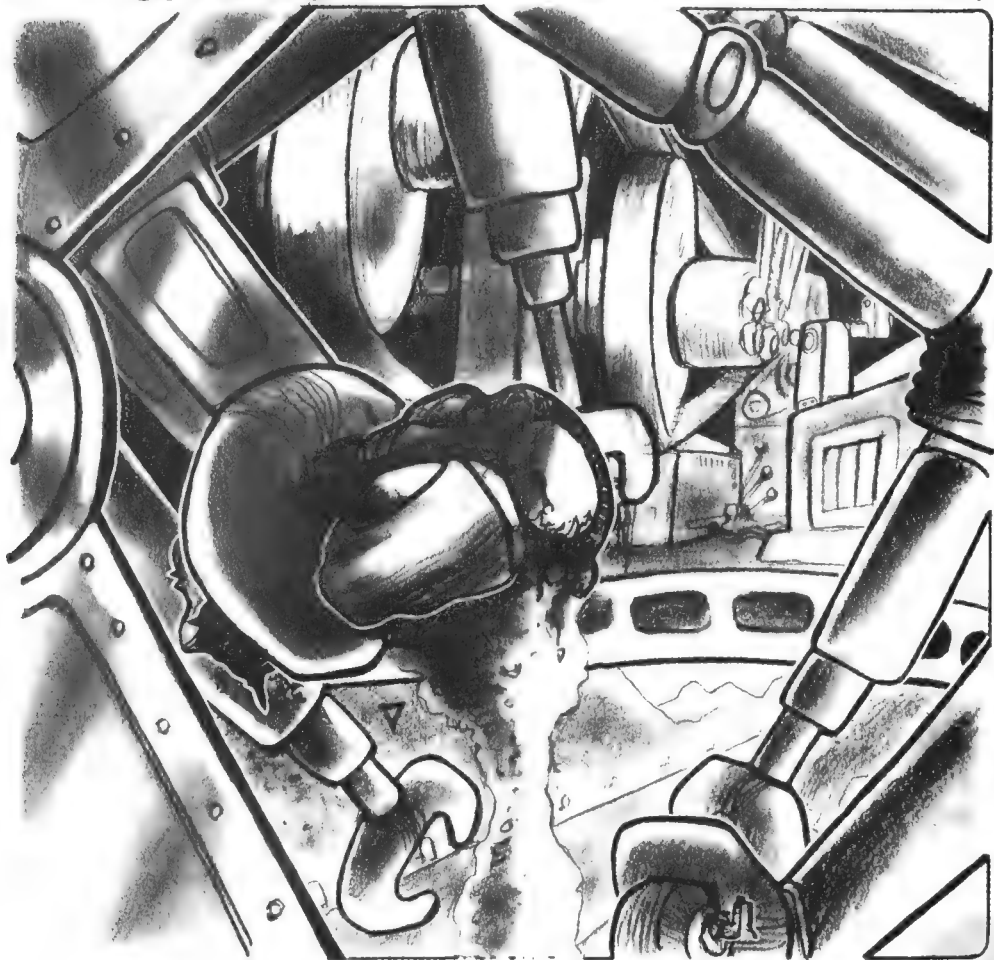
WUM!







CHUNKA CHUNKA GUZZZZZ CHUNKA CHUNKA  
GUZZZZ CHUNKA CHUNKA GUZZZ GUZZT.

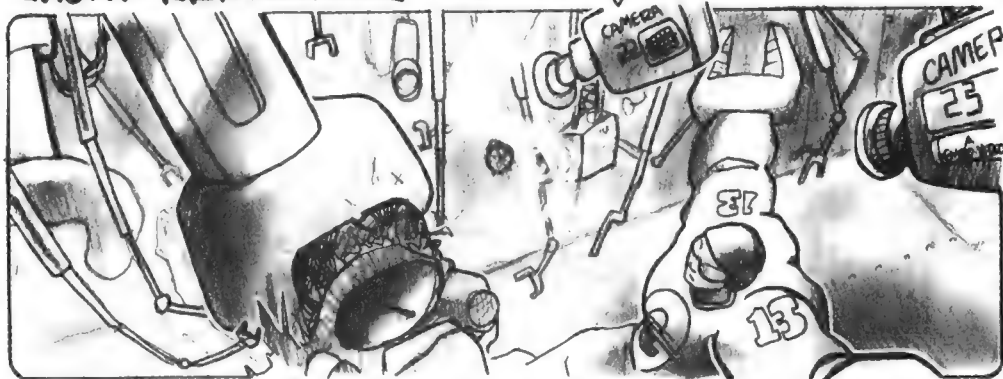


RRRRRR CHUNKCHUNK  
RRRRRRCHUNKCHUNK  
CHUNK BBBBBRRR

AHH, ROBOD 13, THIS IS CAMERA #22. YOU  
 WILL ASSIST THE MECHANICAL ARMS  
 AND SEE WHATS INSIDE THE GROUND CRUISER.

RRRRRR CHUNKCHUNK  
RRRRRRCHUNKCHUNK  
CHUNK BBBBBRRR

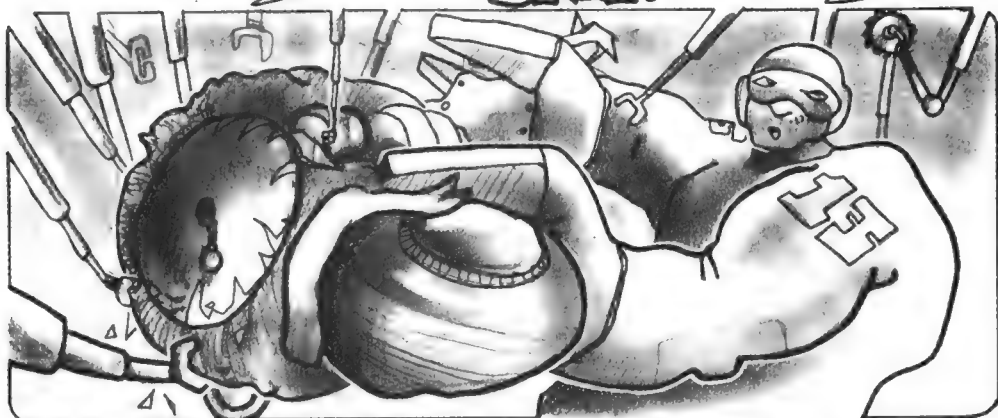
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WILL ASSIST THE MECHANICAL ARMS  
AND SEE WHATS INSIDE THE GROUND CRUISER.



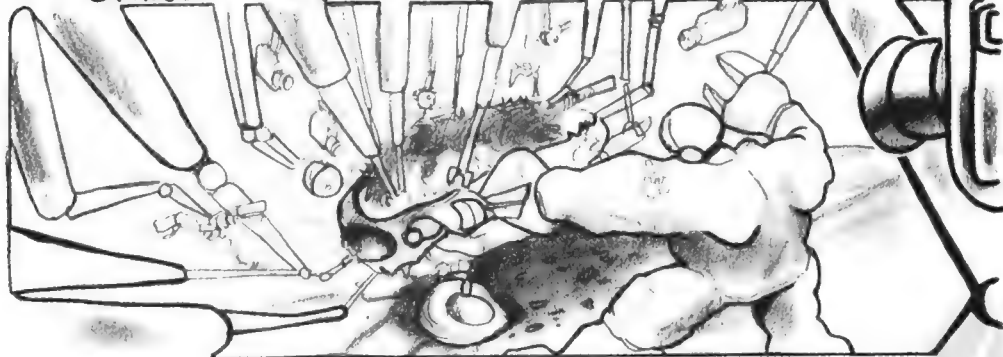
HOW ARE YOU TODAY ROBOD 13?

SNIP!  
SNIP!

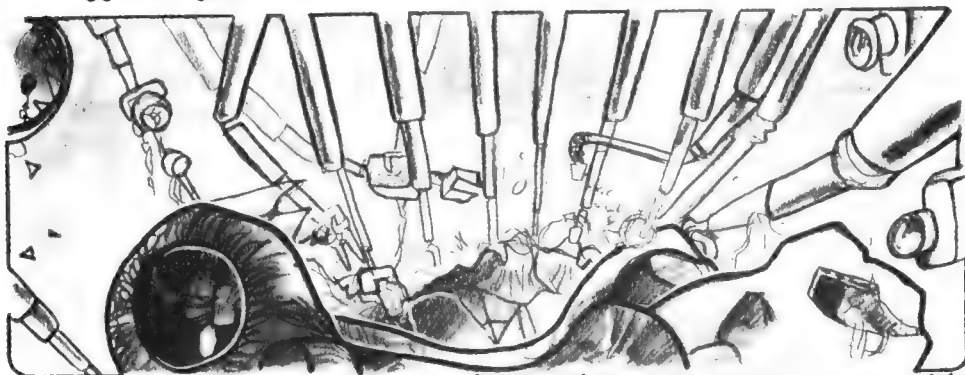
IM FEELING QUITE  
FINE, CAMERA 22...



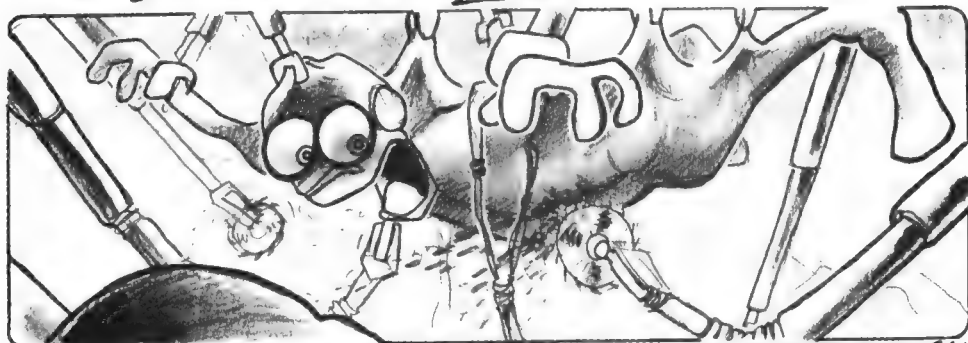
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GRIND GNAP SNIP SNIP SNIP Z Z Z Z Z Z



SNAP SNAP CLIP CLIP CLIP SNIPSNIPSNIP  
WHIZ-WHIZ WHIZ WHIZ SNIP "OUCH" SNIP SNIP



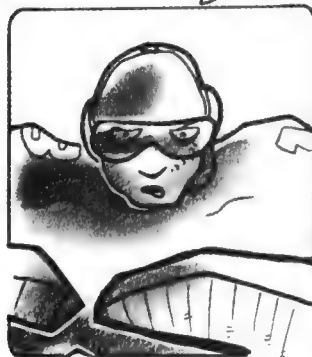
TUG TUG CLIPCLIP  
ZZZZZZZZ NO! STOP, PLEASE!  
ZIP ZIP ZIP I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING!



AH, CAMERA ZIP IT, AH,  
APPEARS WE HAVE AN  
INSECT ABOARD...

REQUEST PERMISSION  
TO SQUISH IT?

ROBOD 13, REQUEST  
DENIED! THATS NO  
BUG, THATS AN ALIEN!  
HOLD HIM TILL WE GET THERE.



**TIEEEEG!**

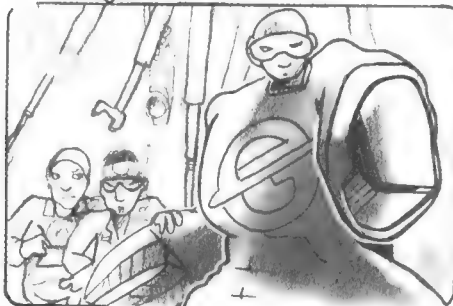
WONDER IF THIS BUG CAN  
WALK WITH NO LEGS?... HEH!



GOOD WORK ROBOB 13  
WE'LL SEE THAT YOU'RE FULLY  
LUBED FOR THIS...

GOSH WOW! A REAL LIVE  
ALIEN! WAIT TILL THE CYRO  
OFFICIALS SEE THIS!

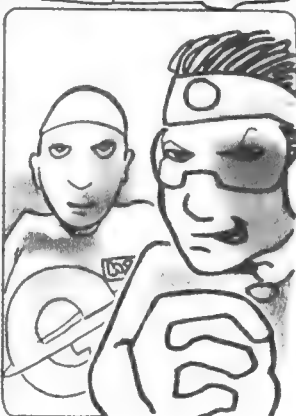
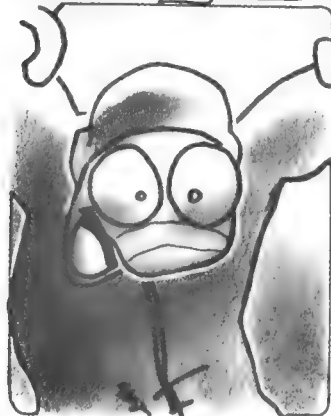
HEH,  
HEH...



WELL, WHAT A YA WANNA  
KNOW? FAMILY HISTORY  
STATE OF DA ART SECRETS?  
WHAT A YA' WANNA KNOW?

LOOKS LIKE HE'S GOING  
TO COOPERATE... HEH!  
MAYBE WE'LL FIND OUT  
WHAT THESE ALIENS  
WANT FROM US YET!

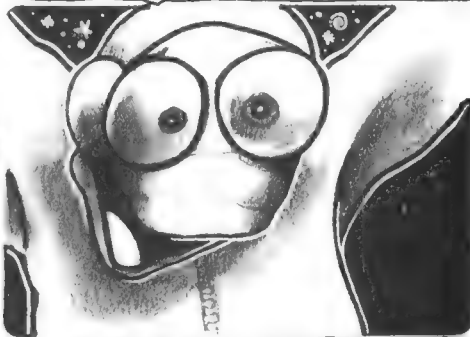
ALIENS! ALIEN WEATHER ON  
AUNTARIES IS HUMID, DARK, DARK  
AND DREARY. STILL NO SIGNS  
OF LIFE IN LAST WEEKS  
ACCIDENTAL MASS SQUISHING!



BLOOD PUCKERS LOST TO THE  
SAP SUCKERS 200 TO 139 IN  
AN UNRELENTLESS WIN ONCE AGAIN  
FOR AUNTARIES BEST DOOTER BALL PLAYERS!

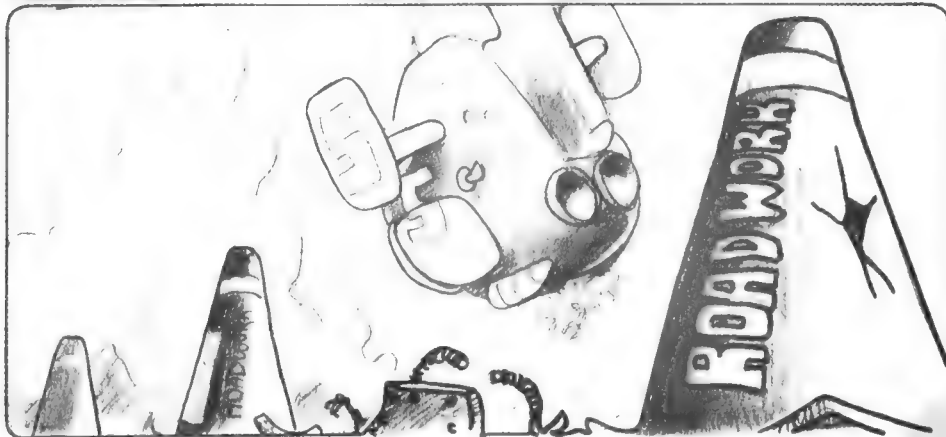


THE BUSH BABY GANG HIT AGAIN  
TODAY COVERING TOWN HALL WITH  
OBSCENITIES, AND THEN THEY TIED  
UP THE MAYOR AND HUNG EM OFF HIS OWN  
FLAG POLE. AH, AH, AHH.



AH, AH, SCIBLE, GREK, YIP  
WAH, GLACTIC, SCUZ, KIP  
KIPKIPP - KREEE "HIC"

I BELIEVE H.2, THIS ALIEN IS SUFFERING FROM  
SHOCK. PUT HIM IN A CONTAINER AND PKE SOME  
HOLES IN IT. WE'LL QUESTION HIM LATER, BACK AT THE BAE

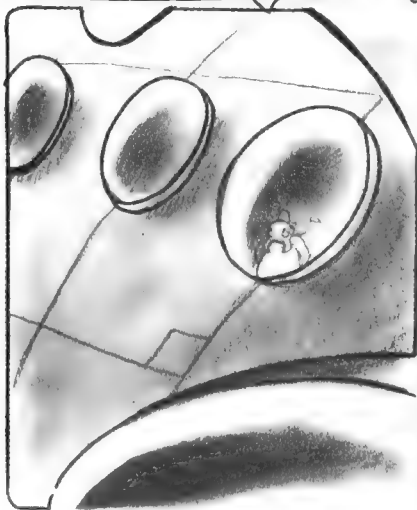




ALL THE MOONS IN THIS NECK  
OF THE WOODS ARE ALL  
USELESS PLAGIOCLASE, ILMENITE,  
PROKENE, AND OTHER JUNK WE  
CANT USE... AND ALL THE TIME  
THIS HAS TAKEN...

WELL, PROFESSOR STALAGMITE,  
LETS JUST STOP CIRCLING THIS GOD  
FORSAKEN PLANET AND JUST TALK  
TO THE HUMANS! GET THEM TO SIGN  
THE GALACTIC CONTRACT, MAKE OUR  
COMMISSIONS AND LEAVE!!

OH, SKIZWANG!  
YOU STILL ARE  
A PUPA ARENT  
YOU? THATS  
A GOOD WAY  
TO GET KILLED!  
DONT CHA KNOW?



WE HAVE TO APPROACH  
CAUTIOUSLY, SKIZWANG...  
HUNH OH ITS YOU SPLY...  
WHAT DO YOU WANT?  
OR SHOULD I ASK?

WHEN WILL  
I BE PAID  
SIR?...

YOU WILL GET PAID WHEN  
WE CLOSE THE DEAL... AND THAT  
TIME TOWER WILL BE YOURS  
VERY SOON! NOW  
SCOOSH ALONG S FLY!

VERY WELL,  
TIME IS  
RUNNING  
OUT FOR  
YOU, AS  
WELL AS ME



SOUSE ME, SLUCK CUU  
SIPSIP SLURK SIP

THAT'S SICK WHEN  
YOU DO THAT! YOUR  
GONNA MAKE ME  
THROW UP IF YOU  
DO THAT AGAIN!

YOU KNOW VERY  
WELL, WHEN I GET  
RILED UP, I DROOL  
ISNT THAT RIGHT  
MY LITTLE PIXEL?

P-P-P  
PIXCEL  
WANTA  
SNACK



HERE YOU GO MY SLITHERY, PET... ITS INTERESTING THAT THE HUMANS OF GYRO THINK WE'RE FROM THE GALACTIC BANK, TRYIN' TO RECLAIM THAT OLD SHIP THEY CRASH LANDED 400 YEARS AGO THEY NEVER DID FINISH THEIR PAYMENTS ON IT...

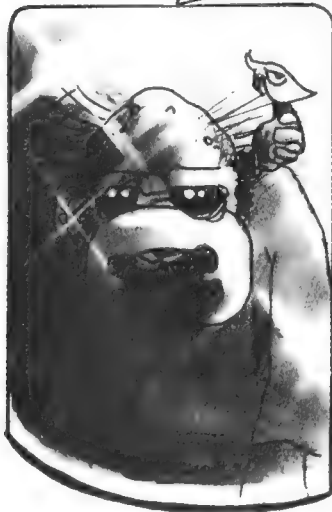
WE HAVE NO INTEREST IN OLD OUT DATED SHIPS! THIS PLANET IS PRIME REAL ESTATE LETS MAKE A MOVE!



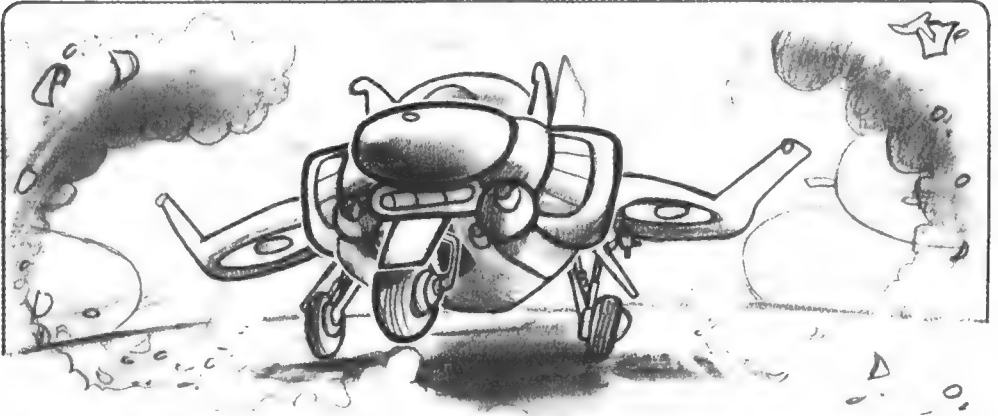
THE HUMANS ARE UNPREDICTABLE AND FILTHY CREATURES AT THAT THEIR FORMS OF CONDUCTING ENERGY ARE CRUDE NUCLEAR BOILERS THAT SPEW HOT LIQUID AND VAPORS INTO THE SOIL AND AIR...

ITS DOUBTFUL THE PLANET WILL EVER PASS ITS SMOG TEST EVEN IF WE DO CLOSE A DEAL WITH THE GYROS AND THE GALACTIC UNION

WE ARE TRULY DESPERATE TO FIND A RATIONAL HUMAN AMONGST THOUSANDS OF IRREVERSIBLE HUE-MA-POODS...

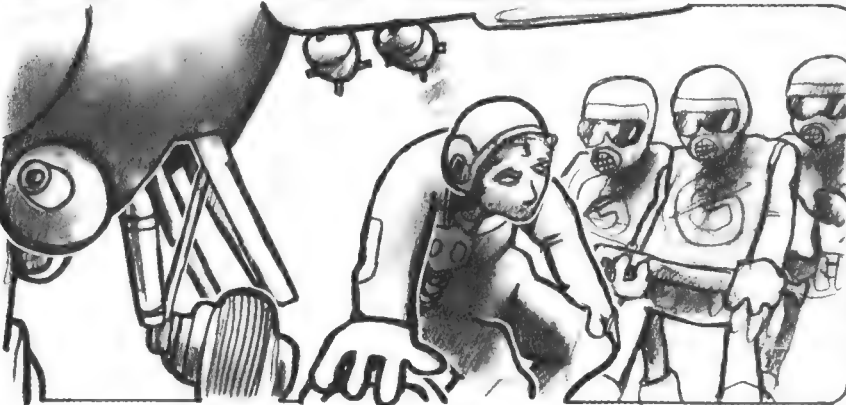
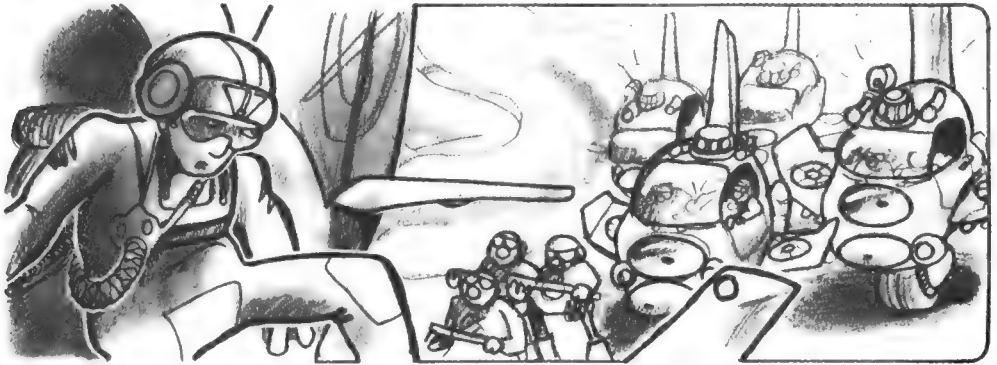


WERRRRRR WUP WUP  
WUP WUP



OH GREAT, WHO INVITED  
THE GYRO POLICE?

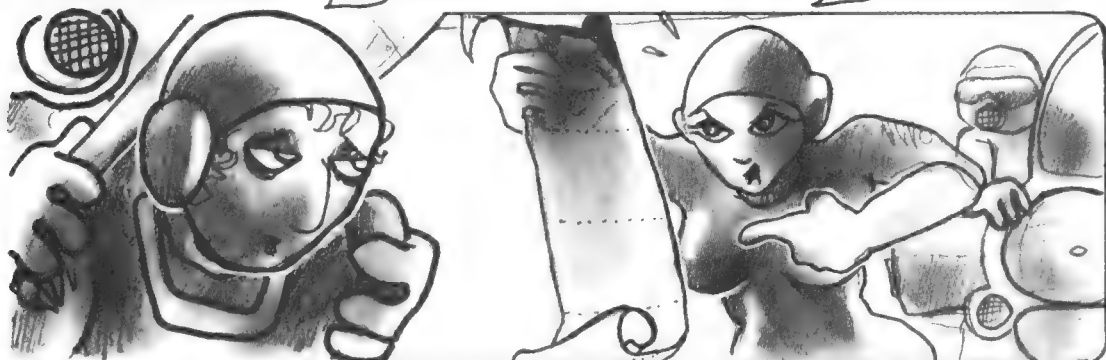
RRRRRR RRRRRRRRRR  
RRRR RR RRRRR RR



THE UNIT  
DUSTY  
PONTON  
IS UNDER  
ARREST  
YOU HAVE  
NO RIGHTS  
WHAT SO  
EVER. SO  
DONT BOTHER  
SPEAKING  
UP!

T.K., I, UH, UH,  
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY...

DON'T SAY ANYTHING THESE  
COMPUTER READ OUTS SAY IT ALL!



SIGH...

I CAN'T DO  
ANYTHING FOR  
YOU NOW...

HUNH?

O.K. CRIMINAL YOU WILL  
COME WITH US... I AM  
ROBOD 63, THIS IS ROBOD22..



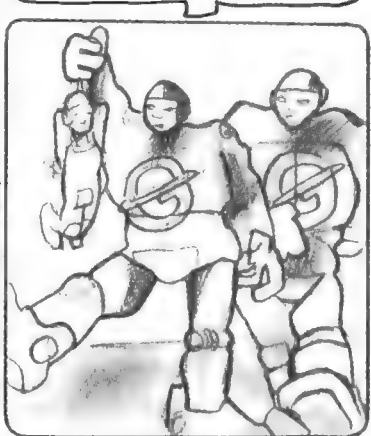
BENTLY A  
BOY!

MY NUMBER  
IS 63...  
YOU ARE  
IN ERROR.

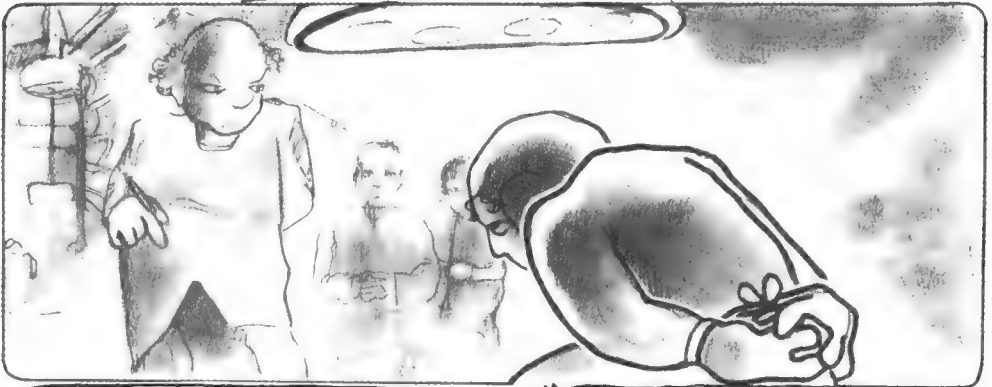
SO HOW'S IT  
FEEL TO BE  
A RETREAD  
63...

I FEEL  
QUITE FINE,  
THANK YOU..

YOU ARE TO BE MADE AN  
EXAMPLE OF, WE MUST  
TAKE THE UNIT DUSTY, TO THE  
GYRO OFFICIALS IMMEDIATELY.

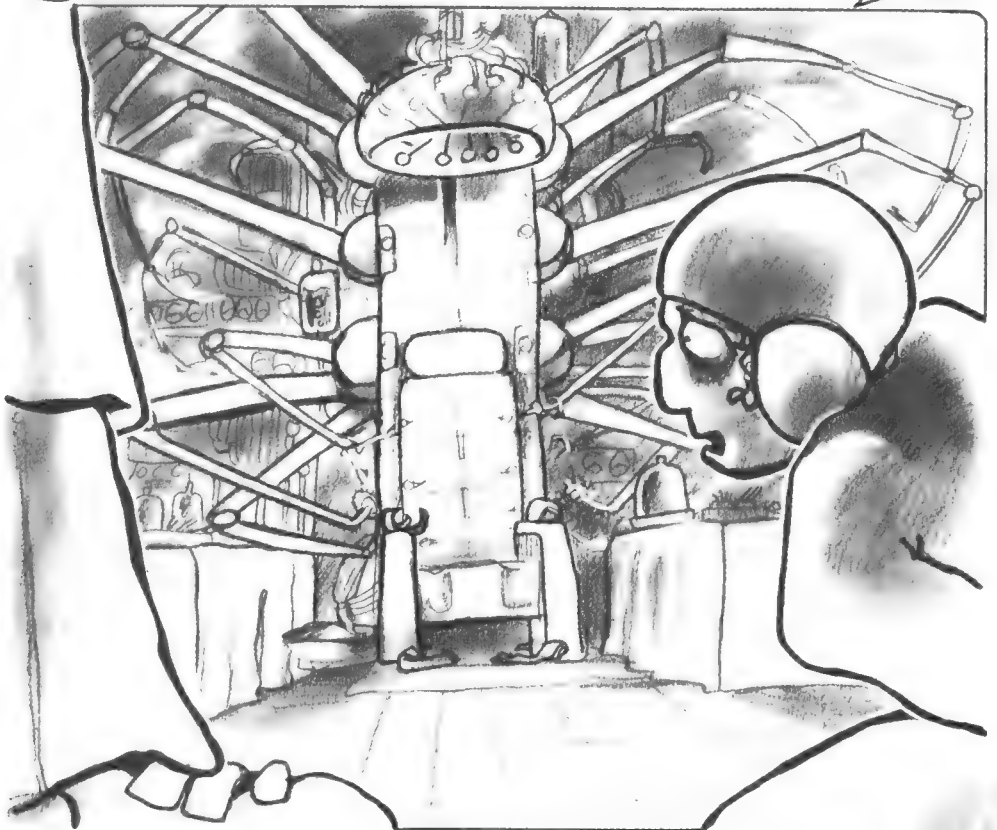


BOY, WE'VE DEALT WITH COWARDS LIKE YOU IN THE PAST WITH LESS HARSHNESS... BUT WE MUST MAINTAIN DISCIPLINE IN THE RANKS.... THEREFORE YOU HAVE BEEN REDESIGNATED...

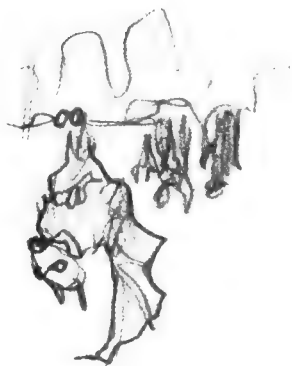


AND WILL BE RECEPTALIZED ONTO A ROBO BODY...

NO, WAIT! CANT WE TALK THIS OVER?

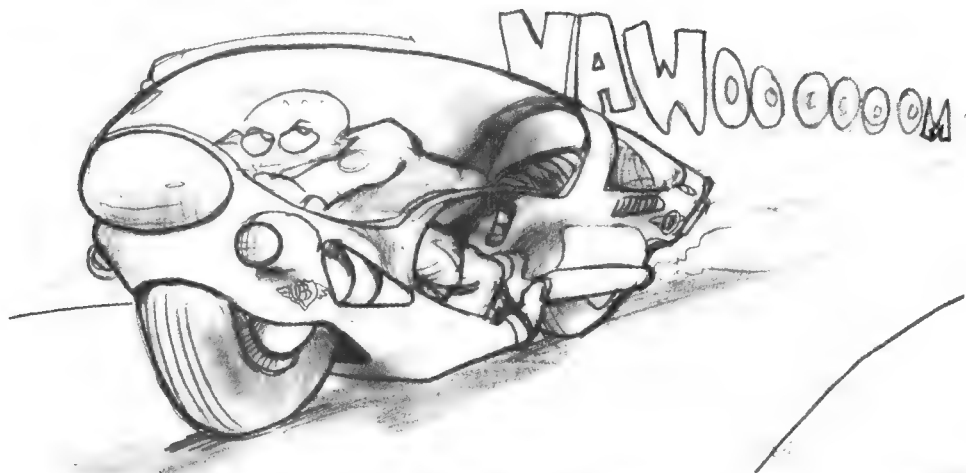


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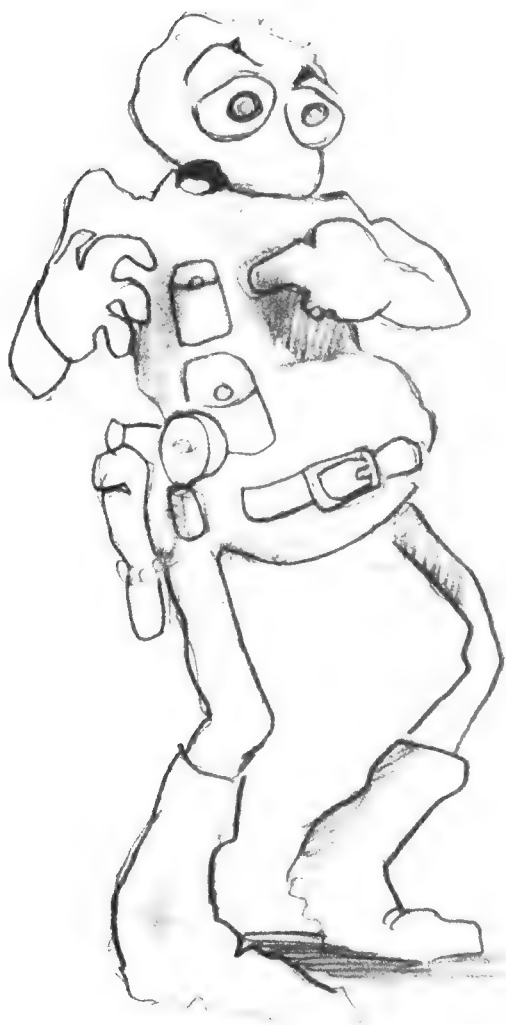
### GYRO FAUNA—BB BATS

Primitive intelligent lifeforms, they act as a renegade airforce. Although they have thousands of BB Bats in their flock the Gyros fail to give them recognition as a real allied force. They like to fly only at night, and are only provoked by endangerment of their fruit crop. They carry no weapons, limiting their attacks to fruit dropping and sky screaming.



### BODACATI GROUND CRUISER

First drawing. Engine: aircooled in-line four, 2000 cc's. Weight 1000 lbs. Top speed 200 mph.



### THE ALIEN

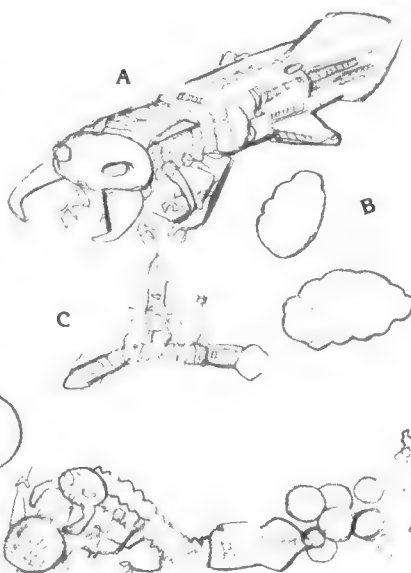
Although part of the Galactic Union he is a loner, often disregards orders and takes missions into his own hands. He is conniving, standoffish and sometimes stupid.

A. "Planet Mite"—spaceship of the Galactic Union.

B. Larvae space ports.

C. Triad docking maneuver.

D. Planet Mite in extended position collecting useful planetoids for relocation.





**PROF. STALAGMITE**

And his talking pet "Pixel," Professor is in charge of locating planets and determining their usefulness to the Galactic Union. He is always smart and never dumb.

**GALACTIC UNION GOFERS**

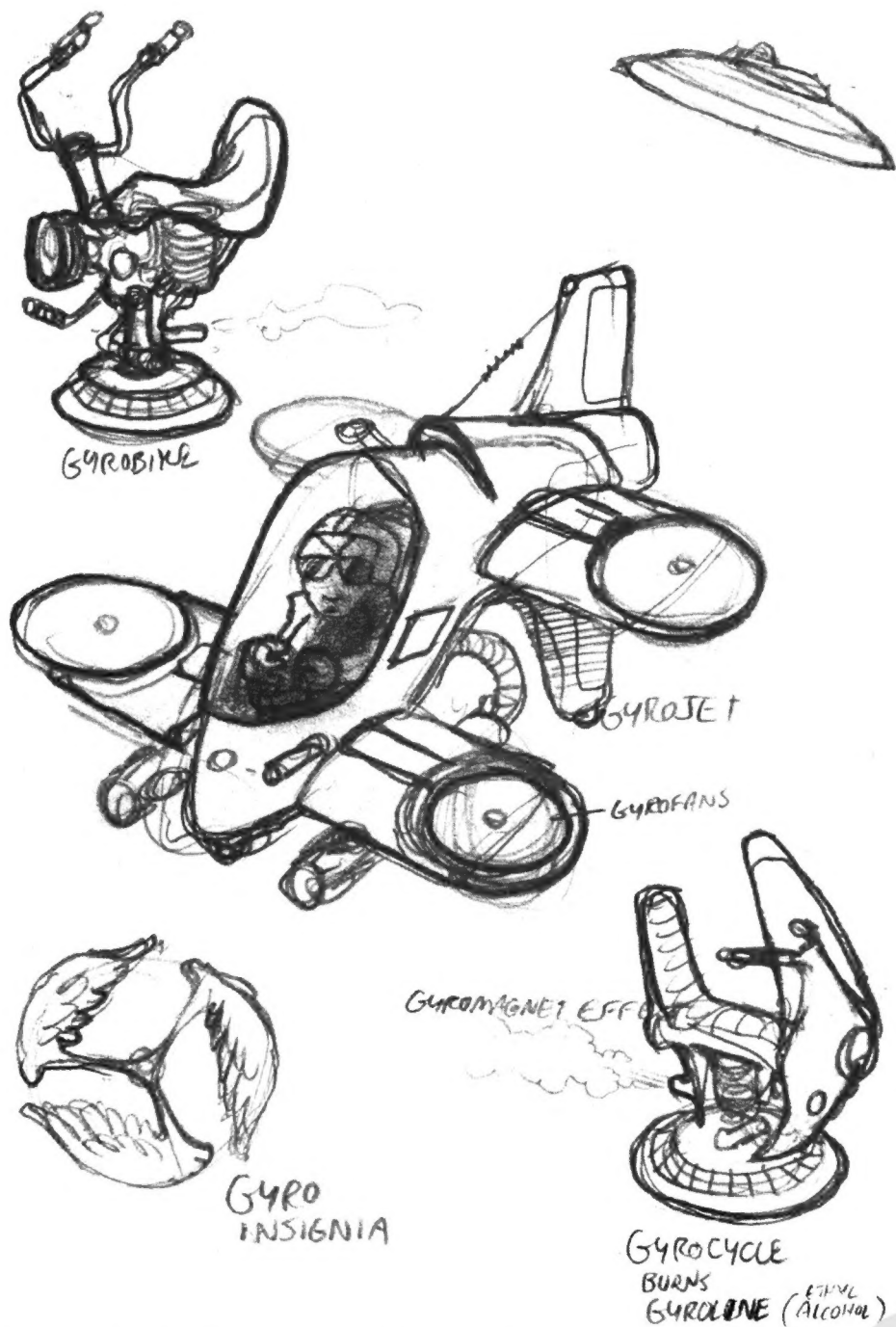
Various alien lifeforms exist in the Union. These are two of the uglier ones.

**SKEETAH  
SKIZWANG**

Controller of affairs  
aboard the Planet Mites

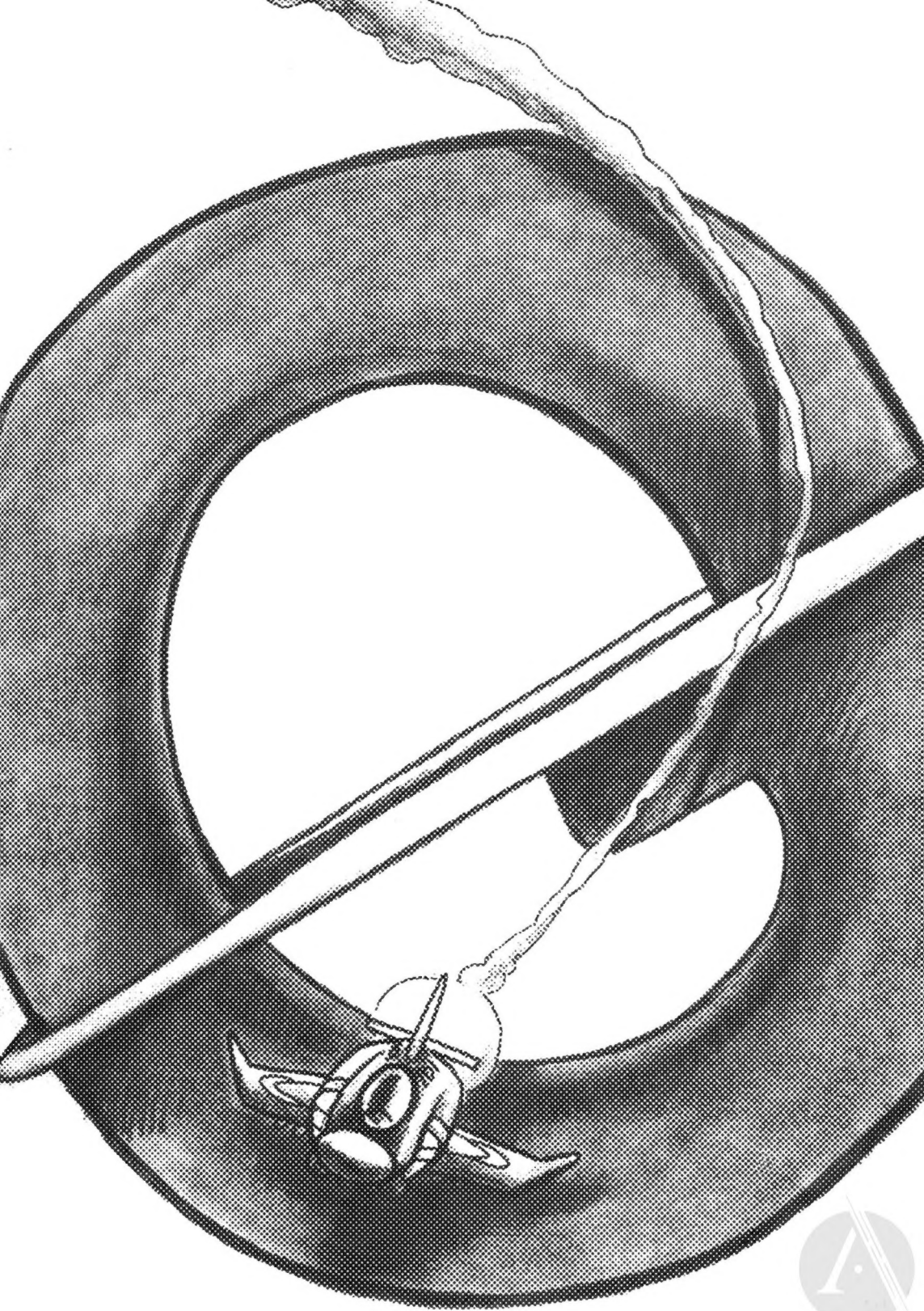


## SOME GYROMECH DESIGNS BY LARRY TODD . . .



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# GYRO HILDICRAFT

## GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS



1. Lightweight infrared radar system transceiver
2. Mounted with dual nuke-punters 4 rounds/second
3. Nose wheel compartment
4. Inlet suction wall
5. Laser target marker
6. Tweeter-cooled turbo jetters
7. Twin gyro turbo-electric engines
8. Turbo converter and generator
9. Mounted with 4 Gyro Pontiac cannons
10. Armed with 4 Tycogyro bomb clusters
11. Twin Gyro blowfans with magnetic overdrive
12. Wingspan 30 ft. Has tilt action (not shown) for maximum maneuverability
13. Port navigation light
14. Main Gyrodrive shafts (sealed heat-resistant bearings)
15. High speed precision gearbox
16. Air brake unit
17. Gyron fuel afterburners
18. Spewage exhaust pipes
19. Rear fan shafts and mini-blowfans
20. Rudder
21. Rudder power units
22. 70 gallon fuel tank
23. Single seat ejection unit
24. Shortwave aerial antenna masts
25. Brains of pilot (vital in operation of craft)
26. Internal organs of pilot
27. High tech video readout, computer-assisted cockpit and controls
28. Bodefied streamline body with pollywog features

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